

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An image processing apparatus for appropriately processing a image data, including: appending information generating means  
5 for receiving image data and generating an appending information based on contents of the image data; correlativity judgment means for judging correlativity between the image data and another image data including the appending information based on the appending information; and correlativity information assignment means for  
10 assigning correlativity information indicating the correlativity to the received image data and the other image data.